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A.—(a) The trawler which had been sent to Bombay for inspection by the Royal Indian Marine Dockyard in connexion with the preparation of estimates for certain improvements and alterations returned to Tuticorin on 5th November 1928. She went to Colombo to take coal and thence proceeded to Calicut for commencing her fishing cruises. She was engaged in deep-sea fishing from 17th November 1928 to 4th December 1928.

(b) The sale-proceeds of fish caught during this period amounted to Rs. 162–15–0. A quantity of approximately eight tons of fish was thrown overboard, as they had become soft on account of long exposure and as, in several hauls, the fishes caught were very small which could not be salted owing to want of sufficient room in the trawler. The amount of expenditure involved in bringing the vessel from Colombo to Calicut is Rs. 494–7–0. The cost of working of the trawler for the period she was engaged in fishing was Rs. 3,090–12–0.

Police

Alleged arrest of Babu Manoranjan Gupta.

*1813 Q.—Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Babu Monoranjan Gupta (Bengal) was arrested at Bezwada on 11th instant without any warrant;

(b) if so, (1) the time of arrest; (2) by whom he was arrested; (3) under whose instructions; and (4) under what section;

(c) whether he had come on insurance business on behalf of the Bengal Insurance Company;

(d) whether he was undertaking any political activities in this Presidency and if so, what were his political activities; and

(e) whether it is a fact that he was suffering from fever and cough at the time of his arrest and whether the Government propose to take any steps to expedite the trial?

A.—(a) to (e) He was arrested on the 12th March at Bezwada. The Government have called for information on the other points in the question.

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju:—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to say when he will get the information and whether he expects to furnish the information before the Council closes this session?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The information I had in possession on the 16th when the question came to me is supplied here and we have called for information on the other points. As for the other suggestion, it will be considered."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju:—"Will the hon. Member find out for how long a time he was kept under remand even though he was prepared to offer bail?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The question will be considered."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu:—"Under what section was he arrested?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I have no information."

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Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I request the hon. Member to issue orders in matters like this that immediate information should be sent up to the head of the Government when political workers are arrested ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Government see no necessity to pass such orders."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know what offence he was going to commit ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " As I have said already, I have no information."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know whether Government is prepared to make a rule that in the case of political offenders this kind of arrests should not be made until the Government is informed and until the order of Government thereon is obtained ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I am not prepared to agree to the suggestion."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know whether that is the policy of the Government to leave the police free in these matters of political workers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— They interfere where they have the power under the existing law."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Jails

Quantity of yarn spun in jails.

1814 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state —

(*a*) the quantity of yarn spun in 1928 in the various jails in this province ; and

(*b*) what use was made of the same ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A report has been called for.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

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MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

DEMAND XX—EDUCATION—*cont.*

The discussion on the cut motion of Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Sahib to reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,94,92,900 for Education—Transferred by Rs. 100 was resumed.

*Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—" Mr. President, Sir, the percentage of students in England and Scotland as compared with India who proceed to universities after the completion of their secondary course, is small. The majority of them enter life. Some become apprentices and others go through an additional course in professional or technical or industrial institutions,